

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 are allowed. Prosecution on the merits has been closed; and the Examiner notes that claims 3, 8, 12 and 17 lack proper antecedent basis for a particular term. As a result, claims 3, 8, 12 and 17 are objected to.

By this amendment, claims 3, 8, 12 and 17 are amended to address and overcome the Examiner's objection.

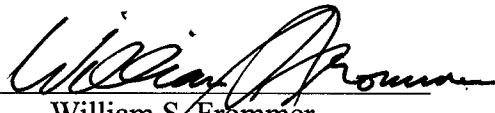
Accordingly, it is believed the Examiner's objection has been satisfied; and this application is in condition for allowance.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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